

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2004:

Present

Vote

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Chairman
James S. Burgett, Vice Chairman
Walter C. Zaremba
Sheila S. Noll
Kenneth L. Bowman

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND DONALD E. WILLIS, YORK
COUNTY CHIEF OF JUVENILE SERVICES, ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Donald E. Willis, began work for York County on June 29, 1981, after serving as a Probation Officer and later as a Probation Supervisor in the Juvenile Court Service Unit of the 7th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Mr. Willis has served as site director for Cross-roads Community Youth Home, setting high standards for programming for that facility that contributed to numerous successful certification reviews by the Commonwealth; and in 1989 after an organizational restructuring resulted in the formation of the Juvenile Services Division in the Community Services Department, Mr. Willis was promoted to the position of Chief of Operations; and

WHEREAS, in this capacity he oversees staff and a wide variety of programs including residential care facilities, which serve and treat troubled youth before the Juvenile Courts of the 9th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, York County is the provider of Juvenile Justice Programs for the four localities of the Colonial Group Home Commission – York, James City and Gloucester Counties and the City of Williamsburg – and such other 9th Judicial Districts localities as Mathews, New Kent and Charles City Counties and the City of Poquoson, which purchase services, further expanding Mr. Willis' responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has worked closely with the Colonial Group Home

Commission, the 9th District Court Services, the Merrimac Detention Center, three juvenile judges and the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has supported and served on the Juvenile Offender Coordinating Council and SHOCAP; has assisted with the York County-Zweibrücken Sister City Exchange Project and currently serves as the Board of Supervisors' staff appointee to the Board of the Colonial Mental health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has been an effective advocate for programs and services for youth and has represented York proudly and has distinguished himself throughout the Commonwealth and is the 2003-04 President of the Virginia Residential Care Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has served the Juvenile Justice system faithfully, with dedication to troubled youth and their families, touching the lives of hundreds of offenders, providing each with opportunities learn, correct, repay and return to productive lives with the prospects for happier futures; and

WHEREAS, after almost 31 years of such devoted service, Mr. Willis is retiring from his position as Chief of Operations of the Juvenile Services Division, in the Community Services Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the York County Board of Supervisors that Donald E. Willis is to be commended for his dedication, his loyalty and his commitment throughout the past 22 years and for his exemplary efforts and his many accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at this time of his retirement, an expression of appreciation be conveyed to Mr. Willis on behalf of the County of York, its staff and the countless youth and citizens who have benefited from his skills, his caring and his many contributions;

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors offers the very best wishes to him and to his loved ones for a rewarding and pleasurable retirement.